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THE SITUATION IN CENTRAL AMERICA: PROCEDURES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A FIRM AND LASTING PEACE AND PROGRESS IN FASHIONING A REGION OF PEACE, FREEDOM, DEMOCRACY AND DEVELOPMENT

United Nations Mission for the Verification of Human Rights and of Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/50/L.68

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 48th and 54th meetings, on 26 March and 2 April 1996, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/50/53) on the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/50/L.68. The related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions was presented orally by its Chairman. The Committee also considered the letter dated 12 March 1996 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly (A/50/891) and the letter dated 14 March from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/50/56).

2. Statements and comments made in the course of the Committee's consideration of this item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/50/SR.48 and A/C.5/50/SR.54).

DECISION OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

3. The Fifth Committee, having considered draft resolution A/50/L.68, the statement on programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/50/53), the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (see A/C.5/50/SR.48), the letter dated 12 March 1996 from the Secretary-General to the President of the General Assembly (A/50/891) and the letter dated 14 March 1996 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee (A/C.5/50/56), recalling that the General Assembly, in its resolution 50/214 of 23 December 1995, already requested the Secretary-General to make economies for an amount of 103,991,200 dollars and also requested the Secretary-General to fully implement all mandated programmes and activities, and reaffirming the budgetary process adopted in resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and subsequent relevant resolutions, decided to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/50/L.68, the Secretary-General would be authorized to enter into commitments in an amount not exceeding a monthly level of 2,329,700 dollars (net of staff assessment) should the mandate of the mission be extended beyond 18 March 1996. The Secretary-General would be requested to present to the General Assembly through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, not later than 15 May 1996, proposals on possible means of absorption in the 1996-1997 programme budget, including inter alia, in part II thereof. The Committee decided to revert to the issue of appropriations at its May 1996 session, in the light of the Secretary-General's proposals requested herein.